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SUBJECT: NATO INFRASTRUCTURE FUND AUGMENTATION - US  
SPECIAL PROGRAM

REF: A. STATE 292187

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1. ON BASIS OF OUR READING OF UK POSITION CONCERNING  
SUITABILITY OF US SPECIAL PROGRAM INCLUSION IN INFRA-  
STRUCTURE ADDITIONS, WE SHARE WASHINGTON'S CONCERN  
EXPRESSED IN REFTEL A. WE BELIEVE WE WILL NOT GET ANY  
MILEAGE OUT OF BRITISH BY RAISING MATTER NOW. WE KNOW  
FROM PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS THAT BRITISH FEEL PINCH OF  
GROWING FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS WHICH MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE  
TO INCREASE ALLOCATIONS AT ONE PLACE WITHOUT DECREASING  
THEM AT ANOTHER.

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2. TIEING THIS ISSUE TO THE ONE OF PRIORITIES AND TO THE RECORD OF THE UK'S "DISTINCTLY UNENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT" FOR THE USSP -- AND KNOWING IT WOULD SUIT THE BRITISH BETTER IF THE USSP COULD BE EXCLUDED RATHER THAN INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED ADDITION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS -- WE JUDGE THAT BRITAIN IS MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT THE FRG'S POSITION OF EXCLUSION THAN NOT.

3. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT THE BRITISH WILL TAKE A LEAD ON THE USSP ISSUE TO ASSERT THEIR PREFERENCE. WE ARE SURE, HOWEVER, THAT THEY ARE MOST UNLIKELY TO GIVE US AN ASSURANCE NOW -- BEFORE THEY SEE HOW THE FORTHCOMING MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT ARE GOING TO GO -- THAT BRITAIN WOULD NOT OPPOSE INCLUSION OF THE USSP ADD-ON.                      ARMSTRONG

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